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\$80,000

\$78,202 Currently raised

\$60,000

\$50,950 Wing goal

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



Air Power

Quote of the Week

"Air control can be established by superiority in numbers, by better employment, by better equipment, or by a combination of these factors."

—Gen. Carl A. Spaatz

Doran takes over as vice

By 2nd Lt. Jessica Miller

Public affairs

Col. George Doran stepped in as the 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander Tuesday after relinquishing command of the 47th Operations Group.

Doran had served as the 47th OG commander since July 2000.

Doran said his goals as the vice wing commander are to ensure the day-to-day business of the wing continues to be done, to ensure the hard-working men and women of Team XL continue to be recognized, and to ensure the commander's intent and vision are executed to the greatest degree possible.

"Team XL is on a roll and continues to be very successful," Doran said. "Every member is important to the team and every member of the team must continue to do [his] job. If people do their jobs, the mission will continue to get done in an outstanding manner."



Photo by Steve Miller

Introducing...

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, James Anderson and Robyn Lorys, two of Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr.'s three children, unveil a memorial plaque outside the former Operations Training Complex during a dedication ceremony Friday. The OTC was renamed Anderson Hall in honor of the Laughlin U-2 pilot who was shot down and killed during the Cuban Missile Crisis. (See related story on page 6).

Base greets new operations group commander

By Airman Timothy J. Stein

Staff writer

Col. Paul Ackerley assumed command of the 47th Operations Group from Col. George Doran in a flightline ceremony Tuesday.

Ackerley was appointed the position when Doran was recently named the vice wing commander.

Ackerley said he is grateful for the chance to command an operations group and he appreciates the confidence in his leadership abilities.

"I have three main priorities I intend to focus on during my tenure," said Ackerley. "First among equals is to maintain Laughlin's standard of excellence in accomplishing our mission of replenishing the combat capability of the Air

Force. Next, to create a leadership environment that builds civilian, enlisted and officer leaders for our Air Force. Finally, to take care of the [operations] group family by stressing quality of life and working to meet the needs and concerns of our people."

Ackerley comes to Laughlin from Randolph Air Force Base where he was the Air Education and Training Command inspection division chief. Prior to that, he served as the assistant chief of operations and readiness for 19th Air Force Headquarters there. Ackerley has a total of 2,750 hours in the F-15A, F-15C, T-38, AT-38 and the T-37. Of those hours, 246 are combat hours during operations Desert Storm and

Southern Watch.

Ackerley earned a bachelor of science from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1982. He earned a master's degree in management from Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, in 1987 and another master's in national security studies from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. in 1993. In 1996, Ackerley attended the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Among his awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.



Commanders' Corner

Lt. Col. Jay Dunham

47th Operations Support Squadron commander

Take advantage of off-duty time

Could you ever imagine Laughlin being the best gig you ever have in the Air Force?

Now, I acknowledge that for some of us, this may be a pretty far-fetched idea because of personal interests or hobbies that aren't so compatible with our semiremote location. However, the majority of us can instantly undertake several life-changing activities that, along with our government-assigned roles, would make my initial suggestion a reality.

In other words, there's a lot we can do with "all this extra time on our hands" since our calendars aren't filled up with Broadway plays, world-class monster truck events, surfing, skiing and big name concerts. Here are a few suggestions and some of their benefits.

■ **Commit to physical fitness:** Keeping yourself fit will improve the quality of your life, reduce stress and increase your alertness.

■ **Academic pursuits:** Finish your undergraduate or graduate program(s). Take care of your next level of professional military education. Strive for a new level of technical knowledge in your career. Learn a new language.

■ **Spiritual growth/exploration:** If you haven't done so yet, tackle some of the big questions. How did the whole universe ever get started? Was I created for a unique purpose, or am I a random result of human reproduction? Is there a sovereign God? What about eternal life?

■ **Volunteer:** You can make a difference. Check with the family support center, your commander, first sergeant, chaplain, spouse groups and

services division for ways you can volunteer.

■ **Learn about investing:** Start saving now and let the time value of money put you in the driver's seat when you face career decisions down the road. Get smart on safe, long-term ways to build a secure financial future.

■ **Build relationships:** Consider using this time to strengthen, renew or develop relationships.

You have probably determined none of the above to be "new ideas." However, if you're like I am, failure to stop and commit to significant goals like these can often result in more mundane pursuits eating up the best of your off-duty time, talent and resources. Start out by choosing one or two of the above areas, tell someone else about your commitment, and then let's get going!

Top Three Talk



By Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vaughan

47th Communications Squadron information functional manager

Air Force experience well worth it

I enlisted in the Air Force 23 years ago thinking I just wanted to get away from my little hometown and experience something new and exciting.

The Air Force way of life was fun and interesting to me from the very start. My first assignment was to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

In January 1980, I was assigned to Osan Air Base, Korea, to a special duty assignment in postal. Everyone was your friend if you worked in the post office because mail was very important to everyone.

After Korea, I went to Patterson AFB, Ohio, and traveled for five years with the Defense Courier Service. It was an eyeopener to realize

the variety of agencies the Air Force deals with every day.

I have also been to Saudi Arabia, Panama and New Mexico.

My career has been interesting, exciting and fulfilling with every permanent change of station and temporary duty assignment. The excitement and anticipation of mastering a new job in a different country or state, and meeting new friends, both military and civilian, continue to be fulfilling for me.

In one of my depressed states I thought that maybe I was not a success because I had stayed in the Air Force. A friend put it to me like this: "How many people can say they achieved the rank of sergeant in the

United States Air Force? Not many."

My career in the Air Force has not always been perfect. There have been negative events, but I always received the support I needed to continue and be productive.

A career in the Air Force was not my initial plan. However, the Air Force way of life, the friends I've made along the way, the experiences of living in other cultures, the variety of jobs, and the feeling that comes from serving my country got in my blood and in my heart and became my life. My family is a result of my Air Force experience.

Looking back, it has been a great ride and continues to be. I wouldn't change a thing.

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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

Correction

The photo on the front page of last week's Border Eagle was taken by Dave Niebergall, not Airman Timothy J. Stein.

Stop Loss needed for near future

By Gen. John P. Jumper

Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON – When terrorists attacked our nation Sept. 11, killing thousands of Americans in Washington, New York and Pennsylvania, it thrust our Air Force into the forefront of a new war, like no other we have ever fought. New challenges await at home and abroad, challenges that call for new levels of commitment and dedication, not only for those of us in the military, but everyone in America.

I am proud to report that our Air Force has risen to the task. From the moment those jets hit the World Trade Center towers, we have been on the very highest state of alert, at points in the United States and around the world, providing air and space assets to protect our country and our way of life.

That role took a more direct course Oct. 7 when Operation Enduring Freedom began with the systematic bombing of strategic targets inside Afghanistan.

Along with the new and challenging roles for our Air Force have come some very tough demands on our resources, particularly personnel. As a result, we have made a decision to continue Stop-Loss, extending across all Air Force Specialty Codes through the end of the calendar year.

This was not a decision that was reached lightly. Requirements for both Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle are evolving daily, which makes it difficult to release people from the force. We have never implemented a "Homeland Defense" program before, so we're entering new

territory, practically on a daily basis. We continue to work closely with the Guard and Reserve, striving to maintain the right level of vigilance.

The air staff in Washington, taking input from the major commands, scrubbed each career field in order to get an idea of the numbers we have and the numbers we need. The bottom line is that we are in the early stages of developing the war-time requirements, thus to release any career fields from Stop Loss at this time would be ill-advised.

We'll take another look at the situation in January. Doing so will provide some added personnel stability during November and December, at a time when we need it the most – during the holidays. Hopefully, by January, requirements will be better defined so we may be able to release some career fields from Stop Loss.

In the meantime, I ask that you continue to display the same pride and professionalism that have made our air and space force the best in the world. That may require you to serve in a different career field than you're used to, allowing others to travel to forward locations, or to simply keep up the fight in your normal, everyday job.

Regardless of the role you play in the war against terrorism, take pride in the fact that you represent the greatest nation in the history of the world, one that projects its strength and power in a just and honorable manner. It is a fight we did not ask for, but one we accept in defense of freedom-loving people everywhere. We have fought and defeated the forces of evil many times throughout our existence. With your help, we will do so again.

We all must stand against hatred

By Gen. Lester L. Lyles

Air Force Materiel Command commander

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The unthinkable happened Sept. 11 – a tragedy of such huge proportions that it cannot be fully understood. Air Force people, like the rest of our nation, asked why.

We may never know the full extent of what motivated such acts of terrorism, but we do know the United States became the victim of the ultimate hate crime that day. Even as an African-American youth who came of age during the Civil Rights Movement and the tumult-

uous '60s in our nation's capital, I have no reference point for hate acted out on such a massive, deadly scale.

Like most of you, I cannot really grasp hatred so deep and so vicious as we Americans now have experienced. Since Sept. 11, we have seen an increase in harassment, slurs and intimidation because of how people dress, how they look and the religion they might practice.

The Air Force has a policy of zero tolerance for discriminatory treatment in any form, including against individuals of Arab-American, Middle Eastern or Muslim descent.

Servicemembers who vio-

late this policy are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and civilian employees are subject to administrative and disciplinary actions.

Commanders have been urged at all levels to take prompt, appropriate action with people from their commands who fail to meet these Air Force standards. However, what I really want is all of us to speak out against discrimination, harassment and any other manifestation of hate that is so fundamentally in opposition to American ideals.

Choose to be the kind of people for which this republic stands: "One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47 FTW commander

Youth patriotism

Sir, I would like to bring to your attention something that happened at the stables here on base a few days ago. Besides working for Lear Siegler, Inc., I also shoe horses and was at the stables shoeing when Retreat started. There was a group of kids, I'd say between five and six years of age, who had gathered around to watch me. When Retreat started it was just an amazing sight to see – these kids stood up in a row and put their hands over their hearts like it was the most natural thing in the world for them to do. No one said a word to them – they did this on their own. Needless to say, I was so impressed and wanted to share this incident with you.

There are adults who won't stop their vehicles or who run for the nearest building to keep from acknowledging our flag and country, and here we have on Laughlin young kids who already have instilled in them the feeling of patriotism. I just wanted to share this with you so you could be as proud of these kids as I was. Thank you for your time.

Doug Taylor
Lear Siegler, Inc., employee

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

Why is the Air Force a separate service?

The Air Force is a separate service for one primary reason: a belief that air power's full potential to contribute to war fighting could be realized only if airpower capabilities were a separate, functionally organized military service, co-equal with the other military branches of the United States armed forces.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Canned goodness

(From left) Airman 1st Class Sean Flansbaum, Elizabeth Rosborg, Col. George Doran, 47th Flying Training Wing vice commander, Kathy Doran, Airman 1st Class Bethany Baiocco and Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th FTW commander, kick off support for Laughlin's 2nd Annual Enlisted Dormitory Food Drive in the wing headquarters building Tuesday. Flansbaum and Baiocco, the drive's directors, hope to collect at least 1,000 nonperishable food items to give to the local community's needy for Thanksgiving. The drive runs from Monday through Nov. 19. People can drop cans off at the enlisted dorm manager's office or at donation boxes in the entryways of base squadrons. If this isn't possible, people may send an e-mail requesting pickup to sean.flansbaum@laughlin.af.mil or bethany.baiocco@laughlin.af.mil. For more information, call Flansbaum at 734-4835.

Laughlin people to visit veterans

By 1st Lt. Anthony Chu
47th Operations Support Squadron

Several Laughlin members will spend part of their Veterans Day in San Antonio with some military veterans.

The Company Grade Officers Council, along with Laughlin's Top 3 and Rising Six, are organizing a day trip to the Air Force Villages to participate in their Veterans Day activities Nov. 11. The activities will include a formal ceremony at 11 a.m., followed by a short lunch and a tour of the facilities.

"This trip gives Laughlin members an opportunity to say thanks to those who have gone before us and have paved the way for us today," said 1st Lt. Melissa Parent, Laughlin CGOC president, the on-base organization for junior officers that is organizing the visit.

Air Force Villages are retirement communities for military officers, their spouses, and widows. Additionally, retired commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are eligible to live there.

Located in San Antonio near Lackland Air Force Base, most "Laughlinites" drive past the Villages on the way to the Riverwalk or to San Antonio

International Airport without realizing that more than 500 retired Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps veterans live there.

There are two Air Force Villages facilities located near each other, and the Laughlin groups plan to visit both communities. Additionally, visitors will take about 50 "Happy Veterans Day" cards to the residents. At Village One, the Veterans Day ceremony will include ringing of their Liberty Bell and a musical performance; at Village Two, a CGOC officer will speak to the residents, including a former Laughlin member.

Tech Sgt. Thomas Hensley, Rising Six president, said talking with our predecessors would help us understand how different the military environment is today.

"It gives younger troops an opportunity to learn how far the military has progressed," Hensley said.

Parent said the trip could mark the beginning of a new relationship between Laughlin and San Antonio's Air Force Villages.

Those who are interested in visiting Air Force Villages or would like to help make greeting cards for the veterans should contact 1st Lt. Anthony Chu, CGOC member, via e-mail at Anthony.Chu@laughlin.af.mil, or call 298-5542.

Newsline

Stop Loss extends some

Due to Stop Loss, anyone with a Date of Separation or Expiration of Term of Service within 30 days will be involuntarily extended for 90-day increments, until further notice.

Every effort has been made to ensure all affected Laughlin members are properly identified; however, if you know your DOS/ETS will expire before May 1, 2002, please call Alma Garcia in Retirements/Separations at 298-4393. Doing so will prevent possible interruptions to your pay.

The May 1 date is not a projected end to Stop Loss; it is simply the date to which MPF is working ahead. Check the AFPC Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil for information on Stop Loss, or call the MPF Retirements/Separations office.

As a reminder, anyone who is involuntarily extended due to Stop Loss must ensure his/her identification card remains current.

Tree planting to begin

Tree planting will begin Monday on Patterson, Bowling and Cannon streets across from residences. Planting will continue in other housing areas at later dates. Flyers will be hand-delivered notifying residents when trees will be planted.

For more information, call Benjamin G. DeLa Cruz at 298-5253.

Girl Scouts take members

The Girl Scouts are forming Daisy (kindergarten) and Brownie (grades 1-3) troops at Laughlin.

If interested, call Rita Daniels at 768-0971 or 719-9177.

Detergent samples mailed

Publishers Clearinghouse began mass mailing promotional samples of the Oxiclean powder detergent last week. The sample is a 1 1/2-pound package with a return address of 720 Winners Circle, St. Cloud, Minn. This is a legitimate mailing; however, as with all mail, remain vigilant for suspicious letters or packages.

Postal center hours change

Postal Service Center weekend hours have been changed due to Force Protection Condition Charlie. Customers can check their mail boxes between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. For package pickup, the customer service window hours are 11 a.m. to noon.

Interested in the Air Force?

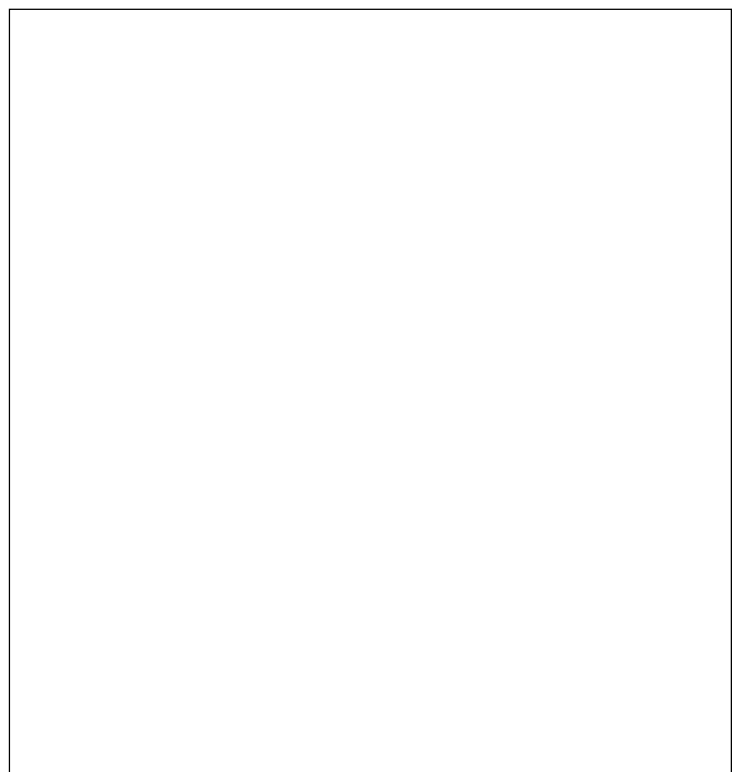
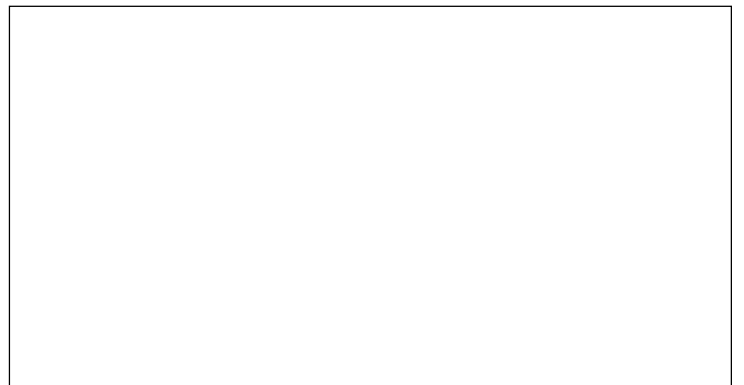
Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.

Former wing commander nominated to head AETC

Compiled from staff reports

President George W. Bush has nominated Lt. Gen. Donald G. Cook, Air Combat Command commander, Langley Air Force Base, Va., and former Laughlin Air Force base wing commander, for promotion to the grade of general and reassignment as commander of the Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The U.S. Senate must now confirm the nomination.

Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, Air Education and Training Command commander, was recently nominated by the president to command the Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Va. Gen. Hornburg's nomination is pending Senate confirmation.



Operations Training Complex becomes Anderson Hall

By **1st Lt. Dawnita Parkinson**

Public Affairs

The Laughlin Operations Training Complex was renamed Anderson Hall Friday in honor of Maj. Rudolf Anderson, a Laughlin U-2 pilot shot down and killed over Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Maj. Anderson was shot down by a Russian surface-to-air missile Oct. 27, 1962, and was the only American casualty under enemy gunfire during the now-infamous 13 days in October 1962 better known as the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Maj. Anderson's son, James Anderson, and his daughter, Robyn Lorys, and her husband and two children attended the ceremony. Maj. Anderson's eldest son, Rudolf Anderson III, was unable to attend.

Retired Brig. Gen. Gerald McIlmoyle, a Laughlin U-2 pilot who knew and flew with Maj. Anderson during the Crisis, gave a moving tribute to the man he called a friend and mentor. He painted a portrait of "Rudy" that brought many in attendance to tears.

During his speech, McIlmoyle revealed that he had been fired upon by surface-to-air missiles in a mission over Cuba just days prior to Maj. Anderson's Oct. 27 mission – indicating that Maj. Anderson knew the danger that awaited him when he volunteered for the "special mission" that turned out to be his last.

"I know that he was using all of his skill and dedication to fly the best stable platform he could to

gather the best photographic evidence he could," McIlmoyle said. "So what we had there that day was our best U-2 pilot, courageously and precisely doing his duty when he was struck down. So Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr. paid the ultimate price for our freedom, which we all enjoy here in America today and people everywhere admire and want. So Rudy, if you can hear me, when your nation needed you, you stood tall... I thank you, Rudy, for putting your finger in the dike when we needed it."

Gary Powers Jr., son of the Cold War figure shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960, also attended the ceremony. After making brief remarks about the Cold War era, Powers presented, on behalf of the Cold War Museum, a small piece of Maj. Anderson's U-2 that was shot down over Cuba to the Anderson and Lorys families.

The memorial plaque was then unveiled, marking the official renaming of the OTC to Anderson Hall. It reads: "In memory of Major Rudolf Anderson, Jr., 15 Sep 1927 - 27 Oct 1962, Killed in action flying his U-2 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, while assigned to the 4080th Strategic Wing, Laughlin AFB."

The Honorable James Long, District Deputy Grand Master for Masons in the Del Rio area also paid tribute to Maj. Anderson, who was a 32nd degree Mason, on behalf of the Masonic Lodge of Texas. Long, James and Robyn placed beside the

memorial plaque a wreath with 11 white roses, to signify the 11 U-2 pilots who flew missions over Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and 13 red roses, to signify the 13 days of the Crisis.

Stephen Lorys, Robyn's husband, made remarks on behalf of the Anderson family. Lorys talked about Maj. Rudolf Anderson, the man, husband and father, but said the dedication ceremony served a larger purpose.

"Probably the single most important thing that goes on here today, is that this ceremony reminds us that, when remembering what Maj. Rudolf Anderson was, we acknowledge that he was dedi-

cated to something bigger than himself, and that something was good and decent and worth fighting for," he said. "For this honor which you bestow the Anderson and Lorys families, thank you, United States Air Force."

As a surprise ending, Robyn's 8-year-old daughter, Anna, read a prepared statement, in which she thanked everyone for helping keep the memory of her grandfather alive.

"While I never knew my grandfather, the stories that I've heard help me know what he was like," she said. "I am proud to be his granddaughter, I am proud that he was in the Air Force, and I am proud that we are all Americans. It is an honor to my grandfather's memory that you still remember him and what he did."

**"...Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr.
paid the ultimate price
for our freedom."**

—Retired Brig. Gen. Gerald McIlmoyle
Laughlin U-2 pilot during Cuban Missile Crisis

Laughlin student pilots earn awards

Compiled from staff reports

Selected pilots of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-01 recently received awards for their superior flying and academic accomplishments while in pilot training here.

The award winners are:

Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy

2nd Lt. Anthony Massett (*Fighter/Bomber*)

1st Lt. Phillip Shea (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Outstanding Officer

Capt. Thomas M. Breen (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Distinguished Graduates

2nd Lt. Anthony Massett (*Fighter/Bomber*)

1st Lt. Phillip Shea (*Tanker/Airlift*)

2nd Lt. Marc Greene (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Flying Training Award

2nd Lt. Anthony Massett (*Fighter/Bomber*)

1st Lt. Phillip Shea (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Academic Training Award

Capt. James Roy (*Fighter/Bomber*)

2nd Lt. Anthony Massett (*Fighter/Bomber*)

Capt. Stephen Walmsley (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Daedalian Award

2nd Lt. William Shnowske (*Fighter/Bomber*)

Citizenship Award

Capt. Thomas Breen (*Tanker/Airlift*)

Outstanding Second Lieutenant Award

2nd Lt. Hiram Williamson (*Tanker/Airlift*)



Please don't forget to recycle this
newspaper



Class 01-7 graduates Airman Leadership School

Compiled from staff reports

Sixteen Laughlin senior airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Class 01-7 Oct. 17.

ALS is the first of three professional military education programs enlisted people attend during their Air Force careers.

The course prepares senior airmen for official supervisory and leadership duties.

The objective is for senior airmen to understand their position in the Air Force organizational structure and the need for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers in military service.

ALS consists of 186 curriculum hours conducted

over 24 academic days. Because of Laughlin's population, the base averages only two ALS classes per year. Instructors come here on temporary duty from Randolph Air Force Base to teach the seminars.

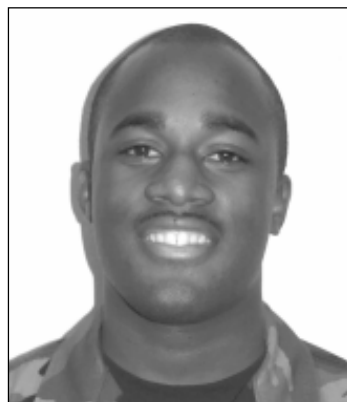
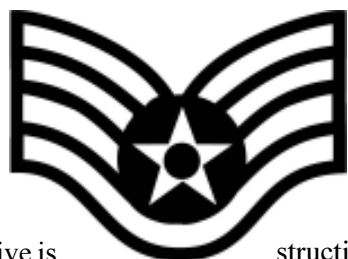
Students enrolled are senior airmen with at least 48 months in service and one year of retainability in the Air Force.

Airmen must complete the course prior to assuming the rank of staff sergeant. Instruction covers three

broad areas: profession of arms, leadership and communication skills.

Awards are given to members of the class for leadership and communication skills.

The graduates are pictured.



Kasimu Greenidge
47th Communications Squadron
(John Levitow Award)



Eric Perez
47th Security Forces Squadron
(Leadership Award)



Justin Werlinger
47th Medical Group
(Academic Achievement Award)



Sandra Williams
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
(Distinguished Graduate Award)



Rafael Taylor-Arenas
47th Contracting Squadron



Leonard Buckless III
47th Operations Support Squadron



Bridgette Chrisman
47th Comptroller Flight



LaTanya Denmon
47th Mission Support Squadron



Paul Doyle
47th Communications Squadron



Timothy Lantgen
47th Medical Operations Squadron



Manuel Laureles
47th Comptroller Flight



Kenneth Legarda
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



Gregory Leonard
47th Security Forces Squadron



Jon Rousseaux
47th Operations Support Squadron



James Surace
47th Civil Engineer Squadron



Leslie Werlinger
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron

The *XLer*



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Senior Airman Bridgette Chrisman
47th Comptroller Flight
financial quality assurance manager

Hometown: Cadiz, Ohio
Family: Husband, David
Time at Laughlin: 3 1/2 years
Time in service: 4 years
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Plant trees in the base exchange parking lot.
Greatest accomplishment: Putting up with my husband for four years
Hobbies: Reading
Bad habit: Which one?
Favorite film: Return to Me
Favorite band: Rusted Root
If you could spend one hour with any person, who would it be and why? Staff Sgt. Zamosky, because we miss him.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday

- Mass, 9:30 a.m.
- Confession by appointment
- Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
- Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall
- Thursday**
- Choir, 6 p.m.

Jewish

Max Stool, call 775-4519

Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

Protestant

Sunday

- **Adult Sunday school, 9 - 10:30 a.m.**
- General worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday**
- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at chapel
- Choir, 7 p.m. at chapel

For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.



**Thinking
about
getting out?
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Jimmie Davis,
47th Flying
Training Wing
career assistance
adviser, at 298-
5456 for
guidance.

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*Call Del Rio's Air Force
recruiter at 774-0911.*

Security forces on edge since terrorist attacks

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade

Air Force Print News

Airman 1st Class Michael Malloy is a little tense these days. What was going to be another routine deployment to Operation Southern Watch – his third in his nearly three-year Air Force career – has become anything but just another tour in the sand.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington have not only heightened security for U.S. forces worldwide, but also made the security forces in this part of the world realize they are standing guard on what could become the frontlines of the war on terrorism.

“We realize the threat is real,” said Malloy, who is part of the 823rd Security Forces Squadron guarding forces in the region. “We used to think ‘How can they mess with the United States?’ We were pretty confident about what the threat was. Now it’s in your face. We’re right in the middle of everything.”

Many of the cops guarding U.S. aircraft have been here before. Some from Moody Air Force Base, Ga., have pulled extended rotations of up to 120 days, then returned home for three months, only to deploy again.

Before the attacks, the deployments were routine affairs. Each day was yet another in a mind-numbing parade of hot, sandy, fly-infested 12-hour days walking a beat, patrolling in a Humvee or standing a post. Things were quiet.

Master Sgt. Darrell Oswald, who supervises the forces, said the images of aircraft slamming into the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon made his people realize they are vulnerable to a terrorist attack.

“I think during the [Gulf] war, there was such a buildup and everyone slowly got used to it and really understood what was going to happen,” said Oswald, a Gulf War veteran who has been on five deployments in Southwest Asia. “During the war it wasn’t quite as intense as now, because now we’re worrying about the terrorist threat, the bombings or something like that.”

The realization that this war puts U.S. forces in the area in the middle of the bull’s-eye for terrorist attacks means increased scrutiny of what were once routine activities. The cops here carefully check faces. They take their time checking identification cards. If a car breaks down on a nearby highway, the forces in the area are on alert until the car gets moving.

In the compound, bunkers are reinforced, and new concertina wire covers the top of high concrete embankments. When a U.S. military aircraft lands, the tension level skyrockets and the cops are on highest alert.

“There’s a lot more intensity for all the troops,” said Senior Airman John Ackerman, from Patrick AFB, Fla. He is on his fourth Southern Watch deployment in six years. “We don’t sit around as much as we used to. We’re all much more on guard because we’re right where the threat is.”



*Whom will you remember
on Veterans Day?*



**Senior Airman
Ron Coleman**

*47th Flying Training
Wing command post
controller*

"Everyone who passed
away on Sept. 11."



Airman Sarah Vigil

*47th Mission Support
Squadron command
support staff apprentice*

"I will remember all the
individuals who fought for
our country on and off the
battlefield."



**Tech. Sgt.
Sabina M. Wiener**

*47th MSS career
enhancement
noncommissioned
officer in charge*

"My father. He served 24
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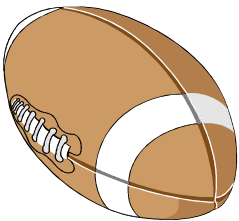
Men’s soccer team forming

The XL Fitness Center is looking for people interested in starting up a men’s varsity soccer team. Anyone interested in participating can call Airman Jeremy Svejcar at 298-5251.

Football Standings

(As of Oct. 25)

AFC			NFC		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Misfits	7	2	LSI Enforcers	9	0
47 CES	4	5	47 OSS	6	3
LCSAM	3	6	87 Talons	6	3
CS/CONS/SVS	1	8	86 Rios Lobos	5	4
E. Panthers	0	9	84/85 Tweets	4	5



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